SUBJECT No. 162.

Exemption from the payment of tolls in certain cases.

Mr. Linge Gowda, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In taluks where toll-gates have been established, shanbhogs and patels travelling on Government duty may be exempted from paying toll on carts.

Reply of Government.—Exemption is provided for in Government Notification No. J. 1683—Legis. 10-07-1, dated the 30th November 1907.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Exemption of iron smelters from taxation.

Mr. Lakshminarnappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly facilities were afforded for extracting iron from iron ore. Iron smelters are at present taxed and a fee is also levied for the removal of charcoal from forests; while this has discouraged the local iron industry, it has on the other hand encouraged the importation of foreign metal. The iron smelters may therefore be exempted from taxation or, if this is not possible, the present tax of Rs. 12 may be reduced and the smelters may be allowed to remove charcoal free of cost from forests for *bona fide* smelting purposes. This will induce the local smelters to prepare iron on a large scale.

Mr. Narasimhaiya, Malvalli Taluk.

The smelting of iron was not stopped on account of the mohatarfa tax but because iron was imported from outside and the local manufacturers did not find the work to be sufficiently remunerative.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 164.

Sub-Registrars to be made Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Hassan Ali Beg, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Sub-Registrars may be made Vice-Presidents of the municipalities at their headquarters.

Reply of Government.—Undesirable. This subject should not be brought up again.

SUBJECT No. 165.

Kandayam on lands within municipal limits to be credited to the municipality.

Mr. Hassan Ali Beg, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The kandayam on lands within municipal limits may be credited to the municipality concerned.

Reply of Government.—The subject is under correspondence. Each case will be decided on its merits.

SUBJECT No. 166.

Qualification for electors to the Taluk Boards.

Mr. Venkatanaranappa, Hosdurga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under the rules in force, out of 15 members of Taluk Boards, 4 with certain property qualifications are elected by the people; but under the rules the patels of villages even though they are without property qualifications are entitled to vote and become members along with those possessing such qualifications. Consequently they form the majority in several instances. As patels are considered to be Government servants and are direct subordinates of the Amildars, it seems necessary to rule that they should not be permitted to vote unless they possess the requisite property qualifications like other voters.